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Mrs. Rena Beach visited friends in Kalamazoo last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spelman of Covert were guests at the home of Earl L. Burhans and family over the week end.

St. Marks Guild will meet with Mrs. George Weston next Monday evening. Roll Call Response—"Practical Suggestions."

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown of Cabool, Missouri, is the guest of her nephew Rev. E. E. Shouffler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Olin were guests of Mrs. Rena Beach and family Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. James Holcomb and family were also present.

Mrs. D. M. Allen of Glendale was calling on friends here last Friday and Saturday. From here she went to Kalamazoo to visit her son Clare and family while Mr. Allen is on his annual hunting trip.

Lawrence Gilbert was taken to Borgess Hospital last Friday where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. He is recovering rapidly from the shock and will soon be able to return to his home here.

There will be a special communication of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. next Tuesday for work in the Third Degree. A large attendance of members is desired, and visiting brethren will be welcome.

Raymond Haworth was called to Chicago last week for duty as mail clerk on the Lake Shore run from Chicago to Cleveland. Raymond was in the mail service at the time of his enlistment for service in the army.

There will be a special meeting of the L. O. T. M. next Monday evening November 17th, at the home of Mrs. Harry Waters. There will be business of importance which should insure a full attendance of the membership.

The Paw Paw Base Ball team motored to Benton Harbor last Monday and met the House of David Team for the last game of the season. It was a fast game, the score being 3 to 2 in favor of the "Long Haired Gents."

One of the True Northerner readers east of town, wonders if the party or parties who trimmed the old oak tree on the Richmond school house corner knows that it is unlawful to mutilate any shade tree in the public highway.

C. C. Giddings has added a fine line of Motor Paints to his stock. He carries the Acme Motor Paints in all colors, also a Top Preservative that is guaranteed to wear and stop leaks. Watch the advertising columns of the True Northerner next week for full particulars.

Local minnows have enjoyed good duck shooting the past two weeks. Many fine bags have been brought in from Banksons and other lakes in that vicinity. The largest bag reported was one of forty secured by Dr. J. E. Gilkey and Harry Mather at Scott Lake one day last week.

There will be a special Convocation of Paw Paw Chapter No. 34 R. A. M. next Monday evening for work in the P. M. and M. E. M. degrees. This will be the first work of the local chapter for the year, and a good attendance is requested. There is considerable chapter work ahead for the coming weeks.

Attention is called to the Willys-Overland advertising now running in The True Northerner. The advertising started last week with nearly a full page, and nearly as much space is used in this issue. The advertising in question deals exclusively with the merits of the New Overland Four, which is the latest production of the Willys-Overland factories. This little car is creating intense enthusiasm in motor circles throughout the country, and has come to stay. C. C. Giddings of this village is the local representative of this company, and will be pleased to show this car to any interested party at any time. The advertising is to be continued for some time, and it merits the close attention of True Northerner readers.

Mrs. Vacella Church has gone to Chicago where she will spend the winter with her two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cole were Sunday guests at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Robertson in Allegan.

The Clerk's office is now supplied with the Public Acts for 1919, and those holding cards for same may be furnished with them by presenting their cards.

The True Northerner advertises three auctions in this issue. The first is for W. N. Scott, south of town on Monday November 17th; Jake Neimark on the Palakow farm Tuesday, November 18th; and Archie Snell, 7 miles north and one mile west of Paw Paw on Thursday, November 20th.

A letter from Rev. Percy H. Nickless states that Mr. Raymond Bruebaker of McCormick Theological Seminary will take his place in the pulpit at the Presbyterian church next Sunday. Rev. Nickless will be in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to attend a Home-Coming celebration at Coe College.

The Van Buren Federation of Gleaners will meet in Hartford on Saturday of this week. Grant Slocum will be the speaker of the day, and the afternoon session will be open to the public. There will be a pot-luck dinner at noon. Don F. Cochrane gives the address of welcome and Senator B. G. Davis will respond.

There were thirty-two present at the meeting of the Progressive Farmers club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bale last Thursday. Hon. Jason Woodman who was scheduled to address the club was unable to be present. His place was filled with other features however, and the meeting was a most enjoyable and instructive one.

The annual meeting of the Michigan State Horticultural Society will convene at the Statler Hotel in the city of Detroit on December 2nd, for a three days session. The question of freight rates is one of the big problems to receive consideration at this meeting. George M. Low of Bangor is secretary of the state association.

The United States Treasury department announce plans for the issuance early in December of forms for filing income and excess profits tax returns. Taxpayers will thus be given the opportunity of making out their returns immediately upon the closing of their books for the year 1919, when accurate knowledge of their accounts is fresh in their minds.

Considerable petty stealing is reported in the neighborhood east of Paw Paw. On Friday night of last week, one of Mr. Gough's pigs was killed and carried away. It was easy to follow the thieves some distance down the lane by the blood. Residents of this neighborhood are getting tired of that kind of business and are determined to put a stop to it, even if it becomes necessary to resort to the use of cold lead.

Following are excerpts taken from a letter received from Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Cline of Mt. Solon, Virginia: Enclosed find check for renewal of The True Northerner, for we do not want to miss a single copy. It is one Paw Paw friend that makes a weekly visit, and we are always disappointed if it fails to reach us on time. It is now over a year since we left Paw Paw and so often we have wished to see our friends. One cannot forget such loyal friends in a short time, and we often spend our evenings talking of days gone by. We have enjoyed the year in the country. It is the best place for the boys. Ralph has been splendid help and has learned to plow and do other farm work. He is in school now however. He is to play the wedding march at the marriage of his Aunt Ruth, November 18th, and Leroy is to be the License bearer. There is one thing we must mention, and that is we have given the H. C. L. a knock out blow. We have everything we need for the table, except a few groceries each week, also plenty of fuel, and that makes us very thankful in face of the serious coal difficulties. We all send best regards to all our Paw Paw friends and would be pleased to see them here in the Southland at any time.

Mrs. Higgs is in Chicago for the week end.

Miss Jean Warner has been quite sick with tonsillitis but is improving quite rapidly now.

Bart Sellick came from Camp Custer to enjoy Armistice Day among his old Paw Paw friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Purdy of Niles were called here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Willis Clapp on Thursday.

Miss Georgia Boomer returned home from Illinois where she had been visiting friends for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Warner came to spend the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Warner.

V. H. Hardy of Mishawaka, Indiana came on Thursday to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Willis Clapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Herwig are now nicely settled in the house recently vacated by Mrs. Boess on East Territorial Road.

Mrs. H. A. Cross has returned from an extended visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. A. Ironside in Hastings.

Mrs. Alice Grimes who has been very ill, is considerably improved and able to be up and about the house again.

Mrs. Olive Smith who has been here assisting in the care of Mrs. Willis Clapp for several weeks, returned to her home in Lawton on Wednesday.

Mrs. Fannie Mitchelson has disposed of her Paw Paw property and gone to Kalamazoo to live. She orders The True Northerner sent to 1225 Washington Avenue.

Mrs. F. N. Wakeman entertained her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Cross of Lawrence and an Uncle James Jennings of Pontiac, Illinois the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Waters, Nelson Waters and Miss Mae Brumsted autoed to Chicago Thursday. Mr. Waters will buy his Christmas hardware while in the city.

The ladies of the M. E. Church will hold a Bazaar in Memorial Hall on Thursday November 20th. Both useful and fancy articles will be on sale, and a Chicken Pie dinner will be served at noon.

Manager Reeves announces the great Nazimova in "Out of the Fog" for the Idle Hour theatre next week Friday and Saturday nights. This is a great feature and should pack the house both nights.

Mrs. Willis Clapp who has been ill since last April passed away on Tuesday. Funeral services were held from the home on Thursday. Further obituary notes will be published in next weeks issue.

A letter from Mrs. Will Payne orders the True Northerner sent to her at the Hotel Seville, New York City. "We have just come on from Boston, where there was sleet and a cold wind," the letter states.

Advertising space in this issue announces the opening of Mrs. Higgs Dancing classes for the season, on Friday, November 21st. The success of the classes last season, and the popularity of Mrs. Higgs as a dancing instructor should insure full classes this year from the beginning.

On Thursday of last week, while Mrs. Bell Filley was shopping in Kalamazoo about thirty of her friends assembled at her home and took possession. On her arrival home at seven o'clock she found a lovely dinner awaiting her. It sure was a complete surprise. After the dinner was over several of her friends presented her with a lovely pair of gloves. All present enjoyed a pleasant evening.

A letter from Marquis Eaton of Chicago contains the sad news of the death of their infant daughter, Meredith Josephine Eaton. The little one was born on November 1st, and died November 3rd. Mrs. Eaton the letter states, was for a time in great peril, but is now rapidly convalescing. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton are endeavoring to supply the vacuum place by adopting a baby daughter, whom fortunately they found ready for their care.

Methodist Chicken Pie Dinner and Bazaar at Memorial Hall on Thursday, November 20th. Bill for dinner 50 cents.

Advertised Letters—Charles A. Davey, Arthur Delamato, Mrs. John McCool, Mary Malanshek, Nellie Suffed.

Mrs. Isabelle Filley left Wednesday morning for Colmar, New Mexico, to spend the winter with her son, Charles Filley.

Dr. Blanche Haines of Three Rivers will address the Coterie on Wednesday, November 19th, on the League of Women Voters. Business meeting at 2:30, the address beginning at 3:00. All are welcome for the usual guest fee.

Many Michigan farmers are already pondering over the details of the income tax reports which they must fill out during the next few months, and many of them are finding that the job is going to be a difficult one. The man who does his bookkeeping in his head is finding that the tax report sheets call for much more fact than he has at his command. These reports are simple says C. H. Graves, farm management specialist at the Michigan Agricultural College. "If the farmer has kept an account during the year and taken an annual inventory. If he has a record of his years business, however, making the report is a difficult process. "Rulings of the Commissioners of Internal Revenue permit farmers to report on the inventory basis, provided they keep some system of farm accounts that is accredited by the department. This is by far the easier and better method because each years business is reported according to actual income and not according to the cash receipts. Simple and practical farm account books, suitable for this purpose, can be secured from the county agricultural agents in any part of the state.

When the fortieth international convention of the Y. M. C. A. speaks on November 19th, in Detroit, one of the big problems which the delegates will have to face will be found in these figures:—55 per cent of the population of the United States live in places of less than 5,000. 5,500,000 young men and boys of the country live in rural communities. 12,350,000 of the nation's population are engaged in agricultural work. This is one-third of the entire working force of the nation. The agricultural workers equal in number the workers in the building and hand trades, railway and waterway workers, telephone and telegraph workers, iron and steel workers, the so-called professional class, the miners, workers in cotton and wool and textile workers, and the lumber and furniture industries. 172 counties in 44 states out of 2,800 organizable counties have rural for county Y. M. C. A. work. 8,000,000 negroes, or 4-5 of all the colored people in the country live in the rural fields. The entire Indian population lives in this field. While there are many agencies like the village improvement society, horticultural and marketing societies and other big farm organizations, the attention of the delegates will be centered on the fact that the Association's purpose is to assist along lines not covered by these organizations. The banding together of the boys and young men of the community for the promotion of rural community building, through individual character building, is one of the Association's aims. Another will be to develop through the Association work greater social efforts than the school or church accomplish alone, reaching a group not otherwise reached, and tending to round out all who come in contact with its influence into well developed physical, mental, religious and social units in the social life of the community. One prominent feature of the convention will be the report of the commission of the relationship between the Church of the rural community and the County Y. M. C. A. The Clergy and Association men, alike, are awaiting anxiously the developments of this important work. Many prominent men in agricultural fields will be present, and will take part in discussions helping to shape the policy of the Association in this great field of work. Van Buren County is to be represented by at least three delegates.

Mr. and Mrs. Volney W. Olds of Hartford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Warner on Tuesday.

Colonel J. G. Todd of Bangor has passed away. He was born in Casnovia, New York October 31st, 1835 and came to Bangor in 1876. He was married to Mary Ball of Bangor in 1884. On May 13th, 1861 he enlisted in Company H. 35th, New York Volunteer Infantry as Captain and was later promoted to the rank of Colonel for meritorious service, and was retained by special appointment of the president in the Secret Service after the expiration of his term. He organized several posts in the county among them being Lincoln Post No. 19, G. A. R. of Bangor and served as its commander for a period of eleven years. He served as County Superintendent of the Poor and held the office of Sheriff of Van Buren county for two terms. Later he held an office in the Capitol Building at Lansing. The funeral services were held from the Congregational church of Bangor of which he was a member, last Monday. A host of Paw Paw friends extend sympathy to the bereaved widow and sister.

Members of McGowan Post of the American Legion have reasons to feel mighty proud of the success of the First Armistice Day celebration last Tuesday. The program was carried out as scheduled from start to finish without a hitch, and the celebration was without doubt the largest from point of attendance ever held in Paw Paw. The aeroplane arrived early in the morning, and Lieutenant Haskell the Pilot was busy throughout the day carrying passengers who were determined to experience the thrill of a trip through the air. Lieutenant Frank Isbell was the first to go up, but it was no new experience to Frank as "Flying" was his business during the period of the war. A total of twelve passengers were carried throughout the day, to the satisfaction of every individual. Howard Smith, one of the passengers has some fine views of the village and surrounding country snapped by him during the trip. The boxing match and base ball game were the features of the afternoon at the base ball park. The boxing contest was between Mickey Brennan and Buddy Andrews, both of Kalamazoo. The boys went six rounds, and while Brennan is not supposed to be in Andrews class as a boxer, it was the opinion of the fans at the ring side that he earned at least a good draw, and had perhaps a shade the better of the "Go." Homer Smith, Michigan's champion Heavy weight officiated as referee to the satisfaction of the crowd. The ball game was a hummer, and although the air was cold and biting, an immense crowd remained until the last man was out in the ninth inning. The score of 3 to 0, gives some idea of the classy article of base ball put up by both teams. Alexander who was scheduled to pitch was unable to be here, and Webber went to the rubber in his place, and with Bill Killefer the star Cub catcher on the receiving end, it was a battery that would be hard to beat. The balance of the team was made up of the local boys, and the manner in which the various positions were played, indicates a real base ball team for Paw Paw next season. It was a great game, enjoyed by an immense throng of satisfied and happy rooters. The automobile Raffle took place immediately after the ball game on a platform in front of the post office, where it had been on display throughout the day. Lyle Cramer, a soldier boy, held the winning number, and is now the owner of a fine Oakland car which cost him the sum of \$1.00. Judge Des Voiges and Judge Killefer officiated as judges of the drawing. Brocato's Saxophone orchestra furnished music for the Pavement dance in the evening. The weather was so cold however that the dancing was soon adjourned to the Opera House which was thronged until a late hour. The High School Band furnished the street music during the day, and the boys were the recipients of many compliments on the excellence of the music. It was a great day for McGowan Post and for the citizens of this community and the county. The True Northerner is unable to get the figures, but it is certain that a nice sum will be realized by the boys for a payment on Memorial Hall.

Asa Glidden of Cedar Rapids was calling on old Paw Paw friends this week.

Mrs. C. J. Monroe of South Haven was a Paw Paw visitor on Wednesday last.

The Royal Bees will meet with Mrs. Claude Snow this Friday, November 14th.

Mrs. John Latshaw of Chicago arrived here Monday for a visit with her son, Fred Latshaw and wife.

A very pleasant surprise was perpetrated on Mrs. Bert Cornell, the afternoon of November 7th, by several of her neighbors, it being the anniversary of her birth. To say that Mary was surprised puts it mildly, but in her usual jolly manner, soon made every one welcome. She was the recipient of many useful gifts and after light refreshments and a social time, each departed for their homes with the wish for many more such occasions.

Dr. Arthur M. Hume, inspector of the United States Public Health service, was in Hartford Saturday, November 8th, establishing a service station for this county and adjacent territory, with Dr. J. D. Stewart of Hartford, as officer in charge. The work of the local officer will be to look after the medical and surgical needs of service and ex-service men and nurses, as regards disability incurred while in service, as well as being examiner for the War Risk Insurance Board, and the Federal Board for Vocational Education. The Health Service is a branch of the military establishment of the government, and service stations similar to the one established here, are being established in various places throughout the state. In south or north Michigan these stations will be placed in each county, but in the more sparsely settled districts in the northern part of the state, stations will be established which will take care of more than one county. Stations have been established in this section of the state at Benton Harbor, Kalamazoo, Niles, Three Rivers, Allegan and Hartford. The work of the service station is broad in scope, covering every field of physical disability incurred while in service by the men of the army, navy or marines, and other related matters. Any service or ex-service man who has a claim of any kind for injuries or sickness resulting from his service during the war, regardless of where he lives, may take the matter up with the officers in charge of the service station most conveniently located, and the officer will forward his claim to the proper governmental office for attention. In case of sickness or injury sustained in service or resulting sickness, the officer in charge will prescribe treatment or operation if necessary without delay, that matter being entirely within the scope of his authority and judgment. All charges so incurred will be paid by the government, and the patient is under no obligation for such expense. The officer in charge of the station will also handle all applications for vocational training received from ex-service men who have been disabled. Under the present plan of the government, soldiers and sailors suffering from physical disabilities are entitled to training in some trade or profession at government expense. These applicants include those suffering from physical disabilities incurred during the term of service. The government has established vocational training schools with special courses in special trades for those who were so injured that they are unable to compete physically in the industrial world, or are barred from the trade at which they worked previous to the war, by disability. All applications for vocational training, or regarding physical examination for government insurance, will be handled by the local service station as well. Considerable clerical work which must be done in connection with the station, will be handled by the local Red Cross, American Legion, or other local organizations selected by the officer in charge. It is the wish of the local examiner that all ex-service men needing medical care or vocational work, will immediately get in touch with him or the local officer in their community of the American Legion, or the county secretary of the Red Cross.